

Urban District Council  
of Charlton Kings

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Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

C. D. OUTRED,  
D.P.H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S. (Eng.)

For the Year  
1944

# Urban District Council of Charlton Kings

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## ANNUAL REPORT 1944

Berkeley Chambers,  
Berkeley Street,  
Gloucester.

16th July, 1945.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District of  
Charlton Kings.*

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1944.

Included in this Report is a statement of your Sanitary Inspector (Mr. Middleton), giving a Report on his work during the year. I express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kind consideration and courtesy which they have always shown to me when presenting my various reports and suggestions during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. D. OUTRED,  
*(Acting) Medical Officer of Health.*

# URBAN DISTRICT OF CHARLTON KINGS

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1944.

Area in acres, 3,399.

Rateable Value, £40,060.

Number of inhabited houses, 1,677.

Yield of one penny rate, £161-3-10d.

Population (as estimated by the Registrar General), 5,835.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS.

<b>BIRTHS.</b>		<b>LIVE BIRTHS.</b>					
		Males.		Females.	Total.		
Legitimate	...	51	...	47	...	98	13% of total Births were illegitimate as against 11·3% the previous year.
Illegitimate	...	7	...	8	...	15	
		—		—		—	
Total	...	58	...	55	...	113	

### STILL BIRTHS.

		Males.			Females.			Total.
Legitimate	...	2	...	1	...	3		3
Illegitimate	...	—	...	—	...	—		—
Total	...	2	...	1	...	3		3

Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 19.3

### INFANTILE DEATH RATE.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.						
		Males.		Females.		Total.
Legitimate	...	7	...	1	...	8
Illegitimate	...	—	...	—	...	—
		—		—		—
Total	...	7	...	1	...	8

Giving an Infantile Mortality Rate of **70** per 1,000 Live Births.

## Deaths.

Deaths registered of Residents, number 69 (40 Males and 29 Females), giving a Death Rate of **11·8** per 1,000 population.

Twenty-four deaths were transferred in from other areas and three deaths were transferred out as being non-residents.

The principle causes of death were certified as follows :—

DISEASE.	Males.	Females.
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) ... ..	2	1
Whooping Cough ... ..	—	1
Syphilis Disease ... ..	—	2
Influenza ... ..	1	—
Cancer of Bucc., Cav., Oesophagus and Uterus ...	—	1
„ Stomach and Duodenum ... ..	3	1
„ Other Sites ... ..	3	3
Diabetes ... ..	1	—
Intra cranial and vascular lesions ... ..	5	3
Heart Disease ... ..	7	13
Other diseases of the Circulatory System ...	2	—
Bronchitis ... ..	2	—
Other Respiratory Diseases ... ..	1	—
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ... ..	1	—
Other Digestive Diseases ... ..	1	—
Nephritis ... ..	3	1
Other Natural Diseases ... ..	—	1
Premature Birth ... ..	2	—
Congenital Malformation, injury at Birth,		
Infantile Diseases ... ..	3	—
Suicide ... ..	—	2
All other causes ... ..	3	—
Total ... ..	40	29

Total both Male and Female deaths, 69.

43% of total deaths were caused by Heart Disease and Diseases of the Circulatory System.

Deaths from Cancer 1·8 per 1,000 population.

„ Tuberculosis (all forms) ·5 per 1,000 population.

„ Heart Disease and Diseases of the Arteries and Circulatory System, 5·1 per 1,000 population.

„ Respiratory Diseases ·5 per 1,000 population.

## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, 31st December, 1944.

	Under 5 years of age.	Between 5 and 15 years.
Number of children known to be completely immunised against Diphtheria	238	426
Percentage of Population at those ages	48·0	67·0

## TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR.

	PULMONARY		Total	NON-PULMONARY		Total	Total
	M.	F.		M.	F.		
	5	4	9	—	—	—	9
Number on the Register, 31st Dec., 1944	15	15	30	4	6	10	40

One case was admitted to a Sanatorium during the year and three persons died of Tuberculosis.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES (Excluding Tuberculosis).

DISEASE.	AGE PERIODS NOTIFIED.										Total.
	Under 1 year		1 to 5		5 to 15		15 to 25		25 and up.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Scarlet Fever	—	—	6	8	20	10	1	1	1	—	47
Diphtheria	...	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	5
Whooping Cough	1	—	—	4	2	4	—	1	—	—	12
Measles	...	—	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	5
Pneumonia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3
Dysentery	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1

Forty-five persons were removed to the Infectious Hospital.

## BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.	15.1	12.8	11.8	17.9	19.3
Death Rate „ „	13.2	12.6	14.4	13.5	11.8
Infantile Mortality Rate (deaths of Infants under one year of age)	...	65.0	21.0	13.8	66.0
per 1,000 Live Births				70.0	

**FOR COMPARISON, THE RATES OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE  
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE, BIRTH AND DEATH RATES.**

**Birth and Death Rates.**

	England and Wales.	County of Gloucestershire.	Urban District of Charlton Kings.
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	17·6	20·0	19·3
Death Rate per 1,000 population	11·6	12·2	11·8
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births ... ..	46·0	46·0	70·0

## Report of the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. Middleton).

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### COWSHEDS, DAIRIES, BAKEHOUSES, FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS, Etc.

		Number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Nuisances abated.
Cowsheds and Dairies	...	163	...	5	...	5
Bakehouses	... ..	8	...	—	...	—
Factories and Workshops, etc.		43	...	4	...	2

### I. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during 1944.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... .. 19
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 21
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 ... Nil.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... Nil.
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... .. Nil.
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... .. Nil.

### II. Remedy of Defect during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officers	... ..	9
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### HOUSING.

The cement shortage during 1944 and difficulty in obtaining labour and materials, curtailed housing activities, and defects dealt with were confined as far as possible to urgent nuisances.



#### **IV. Housing Act, 1936. Part 4—Overcrowding.**

- (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during  
the year... Nil.
- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... Nil.

#### **FOOD CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR 1944—**

204½ lbs.

#### **HOUSING—OVERCROWDING.**

The inspector (Mr. F. R. Middleton) reports :—

We are at present very overcrowded caused by the large number of evacuees still billeted on us. Several of the large houses have been taken over by the Americans. Houses are badly needed in this district.